

1 **CLAIMS**

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4 1. (Currently Amended) A trap comprising:

5 a trap body,

6 the body including a bottom member, a top member, a front
7 member and a back member, a side member ~~wall~~ joining the members;

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9 the front member comprising a top, a notch, the notch being at
10 the front member top, the front member further comprising an
11 opening therethrough, the opening being closed by a trap door;

12 the top member having at least one aperture therethrough, the
13 first aperture being proximate to the notch, and a second aperture
14 being positioned towards the back member;

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16 the trap door being slidably retained between the front member
17 and the body by a spacer;

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19 a bait holder

20 the bait holder being pivotably attached to the top
21 member and extending within the body; and

22 a trip mechanism, including a means for supporting the trap
23 door, the trip mechanism in communication with the bait holder.

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29 4. (Currently Amended) The trap as described in claim 1 [[3]],
30 wherein the trap door includes an elongated slot therethrough.

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32 5. (Original) The trap as described in claim 4, wherein the trap
33 door slot further comprises arcuate ends.

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35 6. (Original) The trap as described in claim 5, wherein the

1 arcuate ends are of different sizes.

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3 7. (Original) The trap as described in claim 6, wherein the trip
4 mechanism further comprises a rod.

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6 8. (Original) The trap as described in claim 7, wherein the trip
7 mechanism further includes a prop attached to the rod, the prop
8 being sized to fit within the notch.

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10 9. (Original) The trap as described in claim 8, wherein the trip
11 mechanism further includes a weighted portion.

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13 10. (Original) The trap as described in claim 9, wherein the bait
14 holder further comprises a pair of support brackets, the support
15 brackets attached to the top member on opposite sides of the second
16 aperture, and the bait holder further comprises a boss, the boss
17 being pivotably retained between the support brackets by a pivot
18 pin received therethrough.

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20 11. (Original) The trap as described in claim 10, wherein the bait
21 holder further comprises a back member, a trip mechanism receiving
22 means positioned on the back member and near the boss, and a second
23 pivot pin, the trip mechanism receiving means further comprising a
24 pair of walls, each wall having an opening therethrough, the trip
25 mechanism receiving means receiving an end of the trip mechanism,
26 and the second pivot pin pivotably retaining the trip mechanism
27 between the walls.

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29 12. (Original) The trap as described in claim 11, wherein the bait
30 holder further comprises a bait chamber, the bait chamber further
31 comprising a front member, a back member and a pair of side
32 members, the bait chamber being open at its top.

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34 13. (Original) The trap as described in claim 12, wherein the bait
35 chamber front member further comprises an opening therethrough.

1 14. (Original) The trap as described in claim 13, wherein the trap
2 further comprises a means for retaining the trip means, and wherein
3 the means for retaining the trip means is a loop attached to the
4 trap body top member, between the bait chamber and the trap door.
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6 15. (Original) The trap as described in claim 14, wherein the
7 front member further comprises a second notch, the second notch
8 being contiguous with the opening.
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10 16. (Original) The trap as described in claim 15, wherein the trap
11 door further comprises a lift knob.
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13 17. (Original) The trap as described in claim 16, wherein the trip
14 mechanism is received through the elongated slot.
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16 18. (Original) The trap as described in claim 17, wherein the
17 trap is manufactured from one or more materials selected from the
18 group consisting of plastic, metal, steel, stainless steel, wire
19 and mesh and combinations thereof.
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21 19. (Currently Amended) A trap comprising:

22 a trap body,

23 the body including a bottom member, a top member, a front
24 member and a back member, a side member ~~wall~~ joining the members;
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26 the front member comprising a top, a notch, the notch being at
27 the front member top, the front member further comprising an
28 opening therethrough, the opening being closed by a trap door;
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30 the top member having at least one aperture therethrough, the
31 first aperture being proximate to the notch, and a second aperture
32 being positioned towards the back member;
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34 the trap door being slidably retained between the front member
35 and the body by a spacer, the trap door further including an

1 elongated slot therethrough;

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3 a bait holder comprising:

4 a pair of support brackets, the support brackets attached
5 to the top member on opposite sides of the second
6 aperture;

7 a boss, the boss being pivotably retained between the
8 support brackets by a pivot pin received therethrough;

9 a back member including a trip mechanism receiving means
10 near the boss, and a second pivot pin, the trip mechanism
11 receiving means further comprising a pair of walls, each
12 wall having an opening therethrough;

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14 the bait holder being pivotably attached to the top
15 member and extending within the body; and

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17 a trip mechanism, comprising a rod having a first end received
18 in the trip mechanism receiving means, the second pivot pin
19 pivotably retaining the trip mechanism between the walls; the trip
20 mechanism further comprising a prop, the prop attached to the rod,
21 the prop being sized to fit within the notch and thereby
22 supporting the trap door, and the rod second end being received
23 through the elongated slot.

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25 20. (Currently Amended) The trap as described in claim 19, wherein
26 the front member further comprises a support ~~bar~~, the support ~~bar~~
27 positioned between the trap door and the body;

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29 21. (Currently Amended) The trap as described in claim 20, wherein
30 the wall further comprises a slot, the slot proximate the front
31 member, the slot being sized to receive and receiving the support
32 ~~bar~~ therein;

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34 22. (Original) The trap as described in claim 21, wherein the trap
35 door further comprises a lift knob.

1 23. (Original) The trap as described in claim 22, further
2 comprising a means for retaining the trip means, and wherein the
3 means for retaining the trip means is a loop attached to the trap
4 body top member, between the bait chamber and the trap door.

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6 24. (Original) The trap as described in claim 23, wherein the bait
7 holder further comprises a bait chamber, the bait chamber further
8 comprising a front member, a back member and a pair of side
9 members, the bait chamber being open at its top.

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11 25. (Original) The trap as described in claim 24, wherein the
12 trip mechanism further includes a weighted portion.

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14 26. (Original) The trap as described in claim 25, wherein the lift
15 knob is sized to be slidably received, and can be slidably
16 received, in the second notch.

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18 27. (Original) The trap as described in claim 26, wherein the trap
19 is manufactured from one or more materials selected from the group
20 consisting of plastic, metal, steel, stainless steel, wire and mesh
21 and combinations thereof.

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23 28. (Currently Amended) A trap comprising:

24 a trap body,
25 the body including a bottom member, a top member, a front
26 member and a back member, a side member ~~wall~~ joining the members;

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28 the front member comprising:
29 -a top and a notch, the notch being at the front member top,
30 -the front member further comprising an opening therethrough,
31 the opening being closed by a trap door; and
32 -a second notch, the second notch being contiguous with the
33 opening;

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35 the top member having at least one aperture therethrough, the

1 first aperture being proximate to the notch, and a second aperture
2 being positioned towards the back member;

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4 the trap door being slidably retained between the front member
5 and the body by a spacer, the trap door further including an
6 elongated slot therethrough, and a lift knob;

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8 the front member further comprising a support ~~bar~~, the
9 support ~~bar~~ positioned between the trap door and the body;

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11 the wall further comprising a slot, the slot proximate the
12 front member, the slot being sized to receive and receiving the
13 support ~~bar~~ therein;

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15 a bait holder comprising:

16 a pair of support brackets, the support brackets attached
17 to the top member on opposite sides of the second
18 aperture;

19 a boss, the boss being pivotably retained between the
20 support brackets by a pivot pin received therethrough;

21 a back member including a trip mechanism receiving means
22 near the boss, and a second pivot pin, the trip mechanism
23 receiving means further comprising a pair of walls, each
24 wall having an opening therethrough;

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26 the bait holder being pivotably attached to the top
27 member and extending within the body; and

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29 a trip mechanism, comprising a rod having a first end received
30 in the trip mechanism receiving means, the second pivot pin
31 pivotably retaining the trip mechanism between the walls;

32 the trip mechanism further comprising a prop, the prop attached to
33 the rod, the prop being sized to fit within the notch and thereby
34 supporting the trap door, and the rod second end being received
35 through the elongated slot.

1 29. (Original) The trap as described in claim 28, wherein the
2 trap further comprises a means for retaining the trip means, and
3 wherein the means for retaining the trip means is a loop attached
4 to the trap body top member, between the bait chamber and the trap
5 door.

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7 30. (Original) The trap as described in claim 29, wherein the bait
8 holder further comprises a bait chamber, the bait chamber further
9 comprising a front member, a back member and a pair of side
10 members, the bait chamber being open at its top.

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12 31. (Original) The trap as described in claim 28, wherein the trip
13 mechanism further includes a weighted portion.

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15 32. (Original) The trap as described in claim 31, wherein the lift
16 knob is sized to be slidably received, and can be slidably
17 received, in the second notch.

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19 33. (Original) The trap as described in claim 32, wherein the trap
20 is manufactured from one or more materials selected from the group
21 consisting of plastic, metal, steel, stainless steel, wire and mesh
22 and combinations thereof.